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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Alain FORESTIERE et al. : Examiner: Unassigned  
Serial No.: 09/864,877 *pdr* : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: May 25, 2001 :  
For: MATERIALS COMPRISING ORGANIC GROUPS CONTAINING SULPHUR AND  
PHOSPHOROUS BONDED TO A MINERAL OXIDE VIA OXYGEN ATOMS

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on May 25, 2001,  
please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 15 and 16 as follows:

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1. (Amended) Materials comprising groups containing sulphur and phosphorous bonded together by a hydrocarbon chain and bonded via phosphorous and oxygen atoms to a mineral oxide of one or more elements M, said materials being characterized in that they comprise M-O-M' bonds, M' representing an element of a mineral oxide identical to or different from M, in that the ratio of said element M to the phosphorous is about 0.5:1 to about 500:1, and in that each phosphorous atom of the phosphorous-containing groups forms at least one P-O-M bond and/or P-O-M' bond: